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## **HADLEY GULCH TRAIL #1840**

**Difficulty:** Difficult

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 7.0 miles

**Beginning Elevation:** 6,183

**Ending Elevation:** 9,439

### **Access:**

- From New Castle, go north on County Road 245 (7th street). Turn right on County Road 243 (Main Elk Creek). Travel north on 243 to the base of Clinetop Road. Hadley Gulch Trailhead parking is on the left side of the road. Keep in mind that the first half mile of the trail goes through private property. Please stay on the trail and observe posted signs.

### **Trail Highlights:**

The first mile of the trail slopes moderately, but becomes more rocky and difficult as it enters the gulch and increases in elevation. The trail is mainly in oak brush and pinon/juniper with some willow and aspen vegetation types along the trail. Bears are frequently seen in this area.

### **Attractions:**

Excellent wildlife viewing.

**PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!**

*ANY MAPS PROVIDED ARE INTENDED FOR USE AS GUIDANCE, NOT FOR ACTUAL LAND NAVIGATION. WE STRONGLY SUGGEST PURCHASING A TOPOGRAPHIC TRAIL MAP AND COMPASS PRIOR TO BEGINNING ANY TRIP ON NATIONAL FOREST.*